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4)⊠ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application	•		•
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5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.			
6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.			•
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8) Claim(s) 1-34 are subject to restriction and/or	election requirement.		
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- 1) the method of claims 1-18,
- 2) the method of claims 19-25, and
- 3) the method of claims 26-34,

The species are independent or distinct because they recite different steps for each method.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after

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the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

Due to the complexity of the requirement, applicant's counsel was not contacted telephonically to request an oral election to the requirement.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Regardless of which specie is chosen, an election of the elastomer employed and a thermoplastic resin (for species 1, from claims 11 or 15) is required.

For specie 1), election is required from either claim 2, 3, 4 or 5.

For specie 2), election is required from either claim 20 or 21.

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For specie 3), election is required from either claim 27 or 28.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 571-272-1076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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